

APRIL 13, 2011 – NOTES OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AT A MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2011, AT 3:00 PM IN THE SEVIER SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Myron Mickelsen, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

Also in attendance were Secretary Mavanee Loftus, Principals Randy Brown and Stewart Shaver, and Student Learning Director Cade Douglas.

President Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Patti Sanchez offered the reverence and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #2. – CONSENT AGENDA. President Johnson called for a motion to add addendum items #2.H.1. and #2.H.2., requests for out-of-state-travel to the consent agenda.

A motion was made by Don Naser and seconded by Jack Hansen to add addendum items #2.H.1. and #2.H.2. to the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

President Johnson called for objections on the consent agenda. Since there were no objections, the consent agenda received Board approval.

ITEM #2.A. – APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Minutes from the March 23, 2011, Board Meeting and Closed Meeting were approved as written.

ITEM #2.B. – REVISION TO POLICY #3035, STUDENT FEE SCHEDULE– FIRST READING. The proposed revisions to the student fee schedule received first reading approval.

ITEM #2.C.1. – RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS. Students were recognized and congratulated on their achievements. A letter of congratulations will be sent to each student.

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ITEM #2.C.2. – RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES. Transportation Supervisor **Lynn Julander** received a letter of recognition from Skaggs Catholic Center for his tremendous generosity and cooperation in helping them with a bus mechanical problem during the December tournaments at the Sevier Valley Center. As a result of his service, they were able to maintain their basketball tournament schedule.

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Transportation Supervisor **Lynn Julander** and Mechanic **Mike Moore** received the *State of Utah Department of Public Safety Utah Highway Patrol Gold Award* in recognition of outstanding performance in school bus maintenance during the period from January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.

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North Sevier High School teacher and Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) Director **Paul Torgerson** received an award for *Outstanding 1st Year Advisor*.

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ITEM #2.D. – 2011-12 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR – SECOND READING. The proposed Board meeting calendar received second reading approval.

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ITEM #2.E. – SCHOOL TRUST LAND APPLICATIONS FOR FY 2012. The following proposed school trust land applications received Board approval: Koosharem Elementary, Ashman Elementary, Pahvant Elementary, Monroe Elementary, Salina Elementary, North Sevier Middle, Red Hills Middle, South Sevier Middle, Cedar Ridge High, North Sevier High, Richfield High, South Sevier High, and the Central Utah Youth Home.

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ITEM #2.F. – FINANCIAL SUMMARY. The financial summary for the period ending March 31, 2011, was approved as well as the list of checks issued in March 2011.

ITEM #2.G. – USTAR GRANT APPLICATION. Sevier District has benefited from USTAR (Utah Science, Technology, and Research Centers) grant funds over the past three school years. We've received approximately \$50,000 each year to benefit secondary science and math students and teachers. Intervention and extension courses were offered benefiting both struggling and gifted students. Courses were offered in a variety of formats including, during the summer months, before and/or after school, and during the school day throughout a teacher's typical preparation period. The Utah Legislature has again funded USTAR for three more years. The District has applied for a continuation of funds requesting \$156,000 per year. The USTAR grant application received Board approval.

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ITEM #2.H.1. – ADDENDUM – REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL. South Sevier High School coaches Stuart Hepworth and Brent Hafen received approval to attend the Nike Basketball Clinic in Las Vegas, Nevada on May 6-8, 2011. One hundred percent of the expenses, including mileage, will be paid by school funds. This request did not meet the required timeline of Policy #2145.

ITEM #2.H.2. – ADDENDUM – REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL. Richfield High School teachers Corey Morrison, Dave Sorensen, Nathan Blackner, and McKay Jenson received approval to take students on a field trip to the Lehman Caves in Nevada on May 24, 2011. One hundred percent of the expenses, including mileage, will be paid by school funds. This request did not meet the required timeline of Policies #2145 and #3160.

ITEM #3.1. – REPORT – PRINCIPAL RANDY BROWN. Richfield High School Principal Randy Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation about the school. There are currently 597 students enrolled at the school and the average class size is 27:1; core classes have a larger class size. The average daily attendance is 95 percent, the graduation rate is 98+ percent, and four

students have been referred to Cedar Ridge High School this school year. The RHS faculty includes 36 certified teachers with 34 of 36 degreed for assignment, 29 of 36 hold a master's degree, two with administrative endorsements, and two with counselor endorsements. There are 16 adjunct staff and 23 classified staff, which makes approximately 65-75 full/part-time employees at the school.

School-wide academic goals include set student goals based on RIT scores, share RIT scores across departments and discussing common student needs for their continued growth, adapting to the new iObservation tool (focus on chapters 1 & 5 of Marzano's strategies), and incorporating a variety of teaching methods (3) to motivate student learning. The Northwest Accreditation has been moved to the fall and the visiting team recommendations are to verbalize Desired Results for Student Learning (DRSL's) in daily instruction, to further identify department strengths and weaknesses with self-analysis, and disaggregate data to include at-risk subgroups and socioeconomic classes.

Richfield High School's global goals include, 95 percent of students achieving growth levels in reading, language arts, and mathematics skills as measured by Northwest and other assessments, teachers become proficient in data/RIT analysis, curriculum match, and core/content instruction direction, all students achieving an annual 95 percent attendance profile, a zero-percent drop-out rate, and understanding and implementing the Art & Science of Teaching concepts as stated in Marzano's 41 teacher competencies. Principal Brown highly supports that teachers intentionally make daily connections with students in and outside of the classroom. He stated that when students know you truly care, they will go much further to achieve. He also shared the school's goal indicators.

Principal Brown shared concurrent enrollment information, AYP for 2009-10, and NWEA Fall 2010 to Spring 2011 assessment scores for language, reading, math, general science, and concepts & processes. He also provided the NWEA school profile for the growth season in the above subjects for Fall 2009 to Fall 2010. Principal Brown felt that students don't read enough and that the school would focus more on reading. He also felt that NWEA was the best assessment available.

Principal Brown provided the school's emergency evacuation map and emergency preparedness plan. He expressed appreciation for the mock disasters and also the help he receives to maintain the emergency plan. There is an upcoming drill scheduled and he felt that the organization of the drill was sound. Principal Brown praised and named the School Community Council members, shared the trust lands budget, and explained that trust land monies are used to mentor and tutor students in all core curriculum areas, with emphasis on reading, writing, and mathematics. Early morning, afternoon, and evening study sessions are offered to students for test taking, assignment completion, teacher assistance and interventions, re-teaching/in-depth of core curriculum concepts, and credit recovery sessions.

School highlights and celebrations include, having guest authors three to four times during the school year, the Sterling Scholar program, the RHS/SSHS pink game, where approximately \$7,000 was raised for a good cause, and the recognition of Academic All-Region/All-State winners from the school.

President Johnson thanked Principal Brown for his presentation and expressed appreciation to him for “rooting for the underdog.” Superintendent Mickelsen stated that while he was observing a couple of language arts classes at RHS, he saw good engagement of #5 of Marzano’s strategies. Principal Brown stated that he was blessed to have a staff that is very dedicated, and that he is probably very spoiled as a leader and administrator. He said he just tries to get out of their way, because they are good people and do good work, and the achievement of students is a direct result of what they do.

Mr. Orr stated that in his experience as an educator and in his relationships with people at Richfield High, everyone that he has talked to has the utmost respect for Principal Brown and that’s why he is so successful. Mr. Orr commented on Principal Brown’s statement of when students know that they are cared about, they do, do more, and that he was a great example of that and was much appreciated.

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ITEM #3.2. – REPORT – PRINCIPAL STEWART SHAVER. Cedar Ridge High School Principal Stewart Shaver provided a PowerPoint presentation about the school. He expressed appreciation to the Board and Administration for all they do and their continued support. He stated how proud he and the staff were of the new facility. New art teacher Jim Puzey joined the staff at Cedar Ridge and is doing a great job. Principal Shaver shared the school motto, “*If it’s to be; It’s up to me*” as well as the school’s mission statement. The Code of Ethics reads: *Respect yourself, Respect others, Respect school, Be on task, or Be somewhere else*. He explained that Cedar Ridge is a last chance for an education. As such, only those who show a desire to attend and make progress will be retained at the school.

The purpose of Cedar Ridge is to provide an alternative educational program for high school and adult students, and the goal of the program is to help students develop the basic social and academic skills necessary to function in society and obtain a diploma. The program is designed to take juniors and seniors from the three feeder high schools and provide them with the structure and help necessary to become successful, and to have them graduate the same time as their graduating class.

Principal Shaver shared TABE test results for the last six years and explained that the school will concentrate on English, math, science, social science, financial literacy, computer technology, and health courses. Students are encouraged to attend Snow College Richfield, use the electronic high school, or attend night school for their elective credit. The NWEA assessment has gotten the attention of the students. The GED has changed and curtails future employment, and the military no longer accepts it. Only in rare cases, agreed on by both principals, will students be accepted back to their home high school to work toward graduation. Students that are currently on an IEP shall be placed in the least restrictive environment that will provide them the greatest chance of success. To meet the needs of IEP students, a part-time certified special education teacher is included in the staff. Principal Shaver thanked Principal Randy Brown for allowing Cedar Ridge students to take some classes at Richfield High School.

Principal Shaver explained that Cedar Ridge does not have extra-curricular activities or sports included with its programs. Students wishing to participate in these types of activities

may do so once approval is obtained from the principals involved. Students have the opportunity to participate in two to three field trips per year and go to places like the State Capitol, Salt Lake Community College, and Dixie College. Also, speakers from the community come and talk to students about their jobs, in such areas as nursing, owning a business, and practicing law. Principal Shaver also provided information about the night school program, school demographics, population by attendance area, and the results of a USU school survey.

President Johnson thanked Principal Shaver for his presentation and making the effort to come to the meeting regardless of being sick. Superintendent Mickelsen complimented Principal Shaver and his staff for the willingness to do similar kinds of things that have been asked of other schools. He explained that it is sometimes more difficult in an alternative school to do NWEA testing; they don't have the same courses and it creates more work for them.

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ITEM #4. – PATRON DIALOGUE. There was no patron dialogue.

ITEM #5.A. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM THE BOARD. The following items were discussed:

- President Johnson shared information from a letter he received from Richfield City, wherein the Board was invited to the Sevier Valley Veterans Memorial fundraising event to be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 11 in the Sevier District Board Room. Senator Jake Garn is the honorary chairman for this fundraiser.

- Graduation assignments for Friday, May 27:

CRHS	10:00 am @ SVC Theater (Jack Hansen)
RHS	2:00 pm @ SVC Arena (Don Naser/Jack Hansen)
SSHS	5:30 pm @ SVC Arena (Richard Orr/Clint Johnson)
NSHS	8:00 pm @ SVC Arena (Tom Hales/Clint Johnson)

The Board requested the dates and times of the high school awards programs to present the Board scholarship for one graduating senior from each of the three high schools.

- There was discussion in regards to scheduling a work session. After a brief discussion, the work session was scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 at 11:00 a.m.

- Blackhawk Arena had contacted President Johnson in regards to the Monroe Elementary playground renovation. They are interested in purchasing some of the playground equipment that was being eliminated. Mr. Wilson said that he would follow-up with Principal Ted Chappell and requested that Blackhawk Arena contact the District Office for further information.

ITEM #5.B. – DISCUSSION – ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATION. The following items were discussed:

Items from Superintendent Mickelsen

- Superintendent explained that the District had received a letter from Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, in regards to the many families and students affected by military deployment. Included with the letter were examples of attendance policies and practices for military-connected students. There was discussion in regards to the suggested policies. Also, Cody Workman of the National Guard, addressed principals at a recent meeting to help make

them aware and sensitive to the needs of students and families of deployed military personnel. A policy will be developed during the summer months and be brought before the Board for approval.

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Items from *Gail Albrecht*

- Mrs. Albrecht had no items for discussion.

Items from *Pat Wilson*

- Construction Update – site improvements: The restrooms at Monroe and Pahvant Elementary schools are being upgraded this summer. The front entrance of South Sevier High School and North Sevier High School are being redesigned to help block the snow. Those two schools will choose the design that they would like to best represent their schools. The HVAC at South Sevier Middle School is being upgraded and the bid for that project comes in on May 4. The North Sevier High School agricultural shop bid is scheduled to come in on May 11. There is a multitude of concrete, asphalt, sidewalk, and dry-well projects at various schools, and that bid comes out around the first part of May.
- Legislative update: Mr. Wilson provided two spreadsheets because of the confusion with the WPU this year: 1) Projected revenues – WPU changes only, and 2) Projected revenues – with growth. He had received several emails and phone calls from principals and teachers asking why the District was raising class sizes as well as making other cuts when they understood the WPU had increased. The Legislature made it look as if they were giving education a lot of new money; however, this was not the case. What the legislature didn't divulge was that most of the money that went to growth came from the flexible WPU. They took \$292 away from the flexible WPU, and gave back \$239. Public education actually had a \$23 drop in the WPU. The legislature didn't fully fund growth; they just shifted money around.

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- Board members were reminded of the Retirement Dinner on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Frontier Village
- Secure Rural Schools (SRS) update: Mr. Wilson shared an email he received from Robert Wiedner regarding SRS with the following message: Today is a good day for public lands counties and rural schools in Utah and across the west! On the very day House Republicans proposed \$6 trillion dollars in budget cuts, that same House Republican Budget Committee, listened to our plea for fairness to the west and included reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools (SRS). It makes these forest county payments a priority by putting SRS in the Reserves and Contingencies portion of the House Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 2012. There are only five other federal programs included in that portion of the proposed budget, 1) the Global War on Terrorism, 2) the Effective Date, 3) Reserve Fund for Health Care Reform, 4) Reserve Fund for the Sustainable Growth Rate of the Medicare Program and 5) Reserve Fund for Deficit –Neutral Revenue Measures. The actual chairman's mark is attached. Earlier this year, as a result of your strong support for our Partnership for Rural America lobbying efforts, combined with significant help from Senator Orrin Hatch and Congressman Rob Bishop during their meeting with OMB Director Jack Lew in January, President Obama included funding for SRS in his proposed budget.

- Monroe sewer proposal: The group was informed that this issue had been voted down so there was no discussion.

ITEM #6. – CLOSED MEETING. A motion was made at 5:00 p.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to take a break and then go into the Closed Meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual(s). Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed.

In attendance were President Clint Johnson, Vice President Jack Hansen, members Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr, as were Superintendent Myron Mickelsen, Assistant Superintendent Gail Albrecht, Business Administrator Patrick D. Wilson, and Executive Secretary Patricia Sanchez.

A motion was made at 5:27 p.m. by Don Naser and seconded by Tom Hales to go out of a Closed Meeting. Voting went as follows: yes – Clint Johnson, Jack Hansen, Tom Hales, Don Naser, and Richard Orr. Motion passed.

ITEM #7. – ACTION ITEMS. A motion was made by Jack Hansen and seconded by Richard Orr to schedule a work session for Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., and to change the May 25, 2011, Board meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made at 5:30 p.m. by Jack Hansen and seconded by Tom Hales to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

I certify that upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Education of the Sevier School District approved the foregoing minutes on the 25th day of May 2011. I further certify that a quorum of the Board was present on both the day covered by these minutes and the day of approval.

Patrick Wilson, Business Administrator